

# Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene



## October: Covenant

Mindful of truth ever exceeding our knowledge and community ever exceeding our practice, reverently we covenant together, beginning with ourselves as we are, to share the strength of integrity and the heritage of the spirit in unending quest for wisdom and love.

Rev. Walter Royal Jones, Jr.

The central task of the religious community is to unveil the bonds that bind each to all. There is a connectedness, a relationship discovered amid the particulars of our own lives and the lives of others. Once felt, it inspires us to act for justice.

Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed

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## UUCE Weekly Church Calendar, October 1 - 8, 2017

### Sunday, 10/1

- 9:15am **Membership Book Signing**, MO. Erin Troberg, 541-870-2054.  
9:45-11:15am **Childcare (infants, toddlers, preschool)**, Rooms 3 and 4.  
10:00-11:00am **Church Service**. Sanctuary, Social Hall.  
10:00-11:15am **SpiritJam: Children's RE**, Rms 1, 2, 5, 6, 7. Katy Siepert.  
11:00am-noon **Information and Fundraising Tables**, Lo, SE.  
11:00am-1:00pm **Sunday Social**, Social Hall.  
11:15am-12:15pm **Faith Forward: Inquirers**, Chapel. Rev. Morris.  
11:15am-12:15pm **Faith Forward: Beyond Inquirers**, MO. Rev. Morris.  
11:30am-12:30pm **UU Refugee Sanctuary Project**, Rm 7. Connie N, 541-543-1685.  
11:30am-1:00pm **Ministerial Transition Discussion**, S. Barbara Kellogg.  
7:00-8:00pm **Remembrance Circle** for Lewis Brancati, SE. Katy Siepert.

### Monday, 10/2

- 5:00-5:45pm **Monday Meditation**, Chapel. Kimberly Wootan.  
6:45-8:45pm **Childcare for Chalice Choir**, Rm 1. Katy Siepert, 541-686-2775x2.  
7:00-8:30pm **Chalice Choir Rehearsal**, S. Brad Schultz, 541-686-2775x4.

### Tuesday, 10/3

- 8:00-10:00am **UU Birders**, off-site. Mike Berg, 541-357-3145.  
9:00am-noon **Open Church Building Work Party**. Eric Swegles, 414-339-8156.  
9:00am-noon **Landscaping Gathering**, outside. Saro H., text 541-731-3366.  
3:00-6:00pm **Earth EqUuity Food Project Produce Plus**, EE. Berry Broadbent.  
5:30-7:30pm **Touchstone Tuesday Potluck**, SH, K. Lizzy U., 858-204-3938.  
6:00-8:00pm **After Spring (Refugee Movie)**, off-site. Connie Newman.  
7:00-9:00pm **Health Care for All Oregon (HCAO)**, off-site. Pat Bitner.

### Wednesday, 10/4

- 5:00-7:00pm **Choir Childcare**, Room 1. Katy Siepert, 541-686-2775x2.  
5:15-6:45pm **Chamber Singers Rehearsal**, S. Brad Schultz, 541-686-2775x4.  
7:00-8:30pm **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal**, S. Brad Schultz, 541-686-2775x4.  
7:00-9:00pm **Men's Group (open)**, Room 7. Jim Kayser, 541-484-1840.

### Thursday, 10/5

- 6:00-9:00pm **Kindness Team Review and Orientation**, Rm 2. Charlotte Writer.

### Friday, 10/6

- 10:00-11:30am **Mindful Parenting Group**, Rms 1 and 2. Kelsey K., 541-505-1193.

**Saturday, 10/7** No open UUCE events listed.

### Sunday, 10/8

- 9:45-11:15am **Childcare (infants, toddlers, preschool)**, Rooms 3 and 4.  
10:00-11:00am **Church Service**. Sanctuary, Social Hall.  
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11:30am-12:30pm **Brainstorm Jam (open)**, Rm 6. Katy Siepert, 541-686-2775x2.  
11:30am-1:00pm **Ministerial Transition Discussion**, S. Barbara Kellogg.

**Legend:** C=Chapel; Cmte=Committee; EE=East Entrance; JN=Justice Network; K=Kitchen; Lo=Lobby; MO=Minister's Office; RE=Religious Education; Rm=Room; S=Sanctuary; SE=South Entry; SH=Social Hall.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

October 1, 2017

Gathering Music	<i>By Faith</i>	Getty and Townend
Hymn Sing		
Interlude	<i>Song for a Raggy Boy</i>	Richard Blackford
Welcome		
Prelude	<i>Seasons</i>	Ola Gjeilo
Call to Worship & Lighting of the Chalice		
Opening Hymn	<i>Love Will Guide Us</i>	131
Story for All Ages & Lighting the Family Chalice		
	<i>Recessional for SpiritJam</i>	
	<i>May your mind be open to new learning; may your lips bring truth into the world</i>	
	<i>May your heart know love and your hands do the work of justice,</i>	
	<i>As you go your way in peace, as you go your way in peace</i>	
Meditation		
Anthem	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	John Rutter
Reflection		
Offertory	<i>Sanctuary</i>	Gary Girouard
Sermon	<i>Association by Covenant</i>	
Closing Hymn	<i>For All That Is Our Life</i>	128
Extinguishing of the Chalice & Closing Words		
Postlude	<i>Intrata</i>	Walter Neimann Op.7 No. 1

Developmental Minister: The Rev. Dr. Sydney A. Morris

Student Minister: Sarah Skochko

Congregational Life: Kimberly Wootan

Worship Associate: Kris Olsen

Music Director: Brad Schultz

Choir: Chalice Choir

Pianist: Susanne Giordano

Lifespan Religious Education Director: Katy Siepert

## HAPPENING TODAY

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**MEMBERSHIP BOOK SIGNING** – Are you ready to become a member of UUCE? Opportunities to sign the membership book are now available on the 1st Sunday of each month. If you'd like to sign this month, please meet today, October 1, at 9:15am in Rev. Morris' office. Membership Chair Erin Troberg, [memb-chair@uueugene.org](mailto:memb-chair@uueugene.org), 541-870-2054.

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP** – Every Sunday in the Sanctuary, you will find a table where you are invited to share your blessings, prayers, sorrows, and joys by lighting a candle, dropping a pebble in the water, or writing in a book.

**INFANTS, TODDLERS, AND PRESCHOOLERS** – Childcare is provided each Sunday for our youngest congregants. Babies and preschoolers are welcome to stay with their parents in the Sanctuary during the service, or they can go learn and play in Room 4 (babies) with Teachers Emily and Mattie, or Room 3 (preschoolers) with Teachers Bridgett and Bryan. All of our youngest congregants are served a small nutritious snack during childcare unless otherwise directed by parents. Katy Siepert, [uucedre@uueugene.org](mailto:uucedre@uueugene.org), 541-686-2775x2.

**SPIRITJAM** – These sessions are open to people of all ages. Attendees start in the Sanctuary for the first part of the church service, then go to the classrooms when the children are sung out at about 10:15am. The sessions last until 11:15am. Today's SpiritJam sessions are: UU and Me Jam, where we will learn about our UU heritage and origins of our covenantal faith; Spirit Book Jam, where we will tell about ourselves and make a book to get to know one another better; and Town Charter Jam, where we will learn about covenant, which is the foundation of many worthy endeavors, such as building a town and writing its guiding laws. Katy Siepert, [uucedre@uueugene.org](mailto:uucedre@uueugene.org), 541-686-2775x2.

**INFORMATION AND FUNDRAISING TABLES** – Earth EqUUity Food Project, Fair Trade Coffee Cart, Justice Network, Kindness Team Greeting Card Project, Transitions Small Group Ministry Registration. 11am-noon, Lobby and South Entry.

**SUNDAY SOCIAL** – Join us today from 11am-1pm in the Social Hall for refreshments and visiting with old and new friends.

## HAPPENING TODAY (cont.)

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**FAITH FORWARD: INQUIRERS** – Each Sunday, from 11:15am-12:15pm in the Chapel, we host a session designed for visitors, new church members, and inquirers, as part of an 8-week series of introductory classes about our church that will be repeated throughout the year. You can drop in at any time, and later on pick up classes you miss. Please join us! Today's topic is: "Worship and Seasons of the Year." Rev. Dr. Sydney Morris, minister@ueeugene.org, 541-686-2775x1.

**FAITH FORWARD: BEYOND INQUIRERS** – This series takes place on a recurring basis each Sunday from 11:15am-12:15pm in the Minister's Office. These classes empower new and long term UUs to explore answers to the question: "What Is Unitarian Universalism?" Subjects covered include history, spiritual practices, and theology. The topic of the session today is: "How Do We Live Our Values?" Rev. Dr. Sydney Morris, minister@ueeugene.org, 541-686-2775x1.

**MINISTERIAL SEARCH PROCESS** – This Fall, we begin the search for our new minister. We have been blessed to have Rev. Dr. Sydney Morris with us since 2013 as our Developmental Minister. She came with the agreement to be here for 3 to 5 years, with the option to be called as a settled minister. Her 5th and final year will end June 30, 2018, as she is not available to be considered as our settled minister. Your Board of Trustees, in conjunction with our congregation and the Unitarian Universalist Association, is beginning the process to find a new minister.

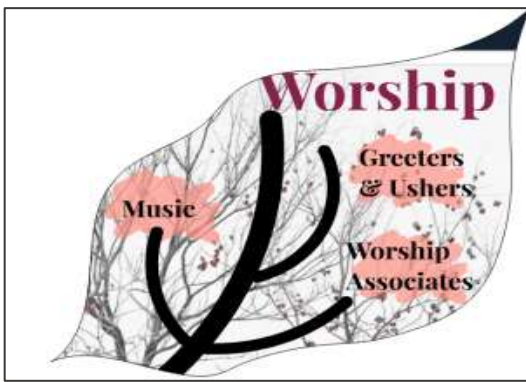
Here are the next steps for the congregation:

- There will be a Ministerial Transition discussion each Sunday in the Sanctuary from 11:30am-1:00pm from October 1 through November 5. Come learn about the plans and timeline, and ask questions. Snacks provided
- Fill out the Ministerial Transition Survey at church and online from mid-September through early November to let the Board know your opinions about what we are doing well as a congregation, our strengths, and where we need further growth and development.

Barbara Kellogg, president@ueeugene.org, 541-510-9795.

**REMEMBRANCE CIRCLE** – Lewis Brancati, a young adult beloved by the Pacific Northwest UU community, will be remembered and grieved in an informal gathering today, October 1, from 7-8pm in the South Entry. All are welcome for meditation, readings, and shared remembrances. Katy Siepert and Rev. Dr. Sydney Morris.

## WORSHIP



**MONDAY MEDITATION** – Join us each Monday in the Chapel from 5-5:45pm for a meditative practice. This is a place to come in contemplation with others and share in the transformational power of sitting together. People of all faiths and secular/spiritual paths are welcome.

Kimberly Wootan, [meditation@ueeugene.org](mailto:meditation@ueeugene.org).

**JOIN US FOR SPIRITJAM NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8** – Lunch Sack Jam, Science Jam, and Middle School Meetup.

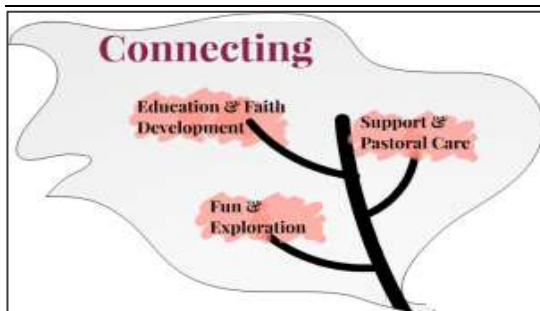
**JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8** – Kimberly Wootan, Congregational Life Consultant, will speak on “Promises.” We all make promises/covenants, but before the promise is an invitation. We will explore that space between the invitation and the promise.

**CHOIR REHEARSALS** – Music Director Brad Schultz invites all singers to consider joining one of the choirs for music making and community. Brad would also like to hear from other musicians who are looking for a place to play.

- Mondays, 7-8:30pm: Chalice Choir (women). Childcare available.
- Wednesdays, 5:15-6:45pm: Chamber Singers (mixed voices, by audition). Childcare available.
- Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm: Sanctuary Choir (mixed voices).

Brad Schultz, Music Director, [music@ueeugene.org](mailto:music@ueeugene.org), 541-686-2775x4.

## CONNECTING

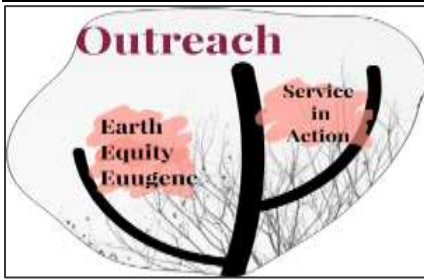


**TOUCHSTONE TUESDAY POTLUCK** – On the first Tuesday each month, you are invited to bring a kid or a dish to a church-wide potluck in the Social Hall. The next potluck is Oct. 3, 5:30-7:30 pm, with Grace offered at 6pm. For more information, contact Lizzy Utterback, [tuesdaypotluck@ueeugene.org](mailto:tuesdaypotluck@ueeugene.org), 858-204-3938.

**KINDNESS TEAM ORIENTATION AND UPDATE** – Want to find and/or provide a more caring touch in our congregation? Meet with the Kindness Team for an orientation and update for new and ongoing members on Thursday, October 5, 2017, from 6-9pm in Room 2. Our services include: maintaining a durable medical equipment loan closet, sending greetings and condolences, helping with memorial services, offering rides to medical appointments, and helping with in-home light housekeeping and shopping and other support. Persons offering direct in-home services must be a member of the church for 1 year, have an Oregon driver's license and proof of insurance, and be willing to have a security clearance check. We meet once or twice a year. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Charlotte Writer, [cd\\_writer@msn.com](mailto:cd_writer@msn.com) or [kindnessteam@ueeugene.org](mailto:kindnessteam@ueeugene.org), 541-935-1170.

## OUTREACH

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EARTH EQUITY FOOD PROJECT PRODUCE PLUS –UUCE has been approved to be a Produce Plus site with Food for Lane County, providing fresh produce to income-qualified families. People who need food just show up and sign in to indicate that they qualify. Our site will be open on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 3-6pm at the East Entrance to the church. The next

date is October 3. For more information or to volunteer, visit the Earth EqUuity table in the lobby after the Sunday service or contact Berry Broadbent, [EEFood@uueugene.org](mailto:EEFood@uueugene.org).

REFUGEE MOVIE – The UU Refugee Sanctuary Project is collaborating with the Refugee Resettlement Coalition of Lane County and the Eugene Public Library to present the Eugene premier of **AFTER SPRING**. This 2016 feature documentary, produced by Jon Stewart, formerly of the Daily Show, focuses on the Syrian refugee crisis. Tuesday, October 3, 6-8pm, Eugene Public Library, 100 West 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., Eugene. Admission is free and open to the community. Connie Newman, [refugees@uueugene.org](mailto:refugees@uueugene.org), 541-543-1685.

HEALTH CARE FOR ALL OREGON (HCAO) – HCAO's monthly meeting will be at First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St., Eugene, on Tuesday, October 3 from 7-9pm. HCAO is a UUCE Justice Network sponsored volunteer organization. All are welcome. Pat Bitner, [healthcare@uueugene.org](mailto:healthcare@uueugene.org), 541-485-3971.

## CONNECTING: LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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### LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PLANS –

- Registration for children and youth needs to be updated for all new and returning participants. You can do this on the UUCE home page, [www.uueugene.org](http://www.uueugene.org), following the path CONNECT > Learning > Register Now > Registration Form – 2017-18. You can also register in person in the Lobby after each Sunday church service.
- Plans for the upcoming Adult Religious Education Program are available in the Fall 2017 Religious Education for Adults Pamphlet, and online on the church website, [www.uueugene.org](http://www.uueugene.org), by following the path CONNECT > Learning > Adults. Katy Siepert, [uucedre@uueugene.org](mailto:uucedre@uueugene.org), 541-686-2775x2.

TRANSITIONS SMALL GROUP MINISTRY (SGM) – This 6-session series will provide space to reflect on major life transitions and their personal impact. The SGM model of respectful listening and sharing will be used. This group of up to 12 people will meet from 6:30-8:30pm on 6 Mondays: Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 27, and Dec. 4, 2017. Commitment to attend each session is requested. Register in the Lobby after the Sunday service on October 1, 8, and 15. A voluntary one-time donation of \$10-\$20 is suggested. The co-facilitators will be Lauren Bailey ([rolfsing@msn.com](mailto:rolfsing@msn.com), 541-915-6275) and Susan Bertrand ([idealdance515@yahoo.com](mailto:idealdance515@yahoo.com), 503-490-5148).

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